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DR. V. K. JOHN :—" How long will it take? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" This is too big a problem to answer. Malaria is prevalent all over the Province and we are tackling areas after areas wherever it is found, and wherever we have got sufficient resources at our disposal, both in men and money, to deal with the problem."

Effect of the Tax Relief proposals of the Central Government on Income-tax share paid to this State.

* 36 *Q.*—SRI K. MANATHUNAINATHA DESIGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the share of this State will be affected by the Tax Relief proposals contained in the Budget of the Indian Union, in the field of Income-tax ; and

(*b*) If so, what the amount is that the Madras State will lose for its share on that account from the divisible pool of the share of all the States from the Income-tax receipts?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The estimated share of the Madras Government for 1950–51 based on the preliminary communication received from the Government of India early in February 1950 was Rs. 820 lakhs roundly. Based on the latest report received from the Government of India which takes into account the proposals for tax relief this Government's share is expected to be about Rs. 827 lakhs, i.e., Rs. 7 lakhs more than the figure adopted in this Government's Budget. If there had been no proposals for tax relief the share of this Government would have been increased further by about some lakhs."

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" Is it not Rs. 124 lakhs? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" We are in some doubt. That is why I said ' some '. It may be Rs. 124 lakhs, Sir."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Are the Government of this State satisfied with the amount contributed by the Centre? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" We are never satisfied with what we are getting."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Are we taking an equitable share in the income-tax? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" Next year our share which was 18 per cent is reduced to 17·5 per cent according to the Deshmukh Award. Regarding the question whether it is equitable or not, I think the Finance Commission will have to go into the question and perhaps they may ratify the same thing."